

House Resolution No. 80

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably contributed to the health and vitality of their local economies for a significant number of years; and

Whereas, Don Underwood of Pineville, Missouri, operated Don's Market downtown on the square for forty-eight years; and

Whereas, known as the place where local news is spoken and spread, Don's Market was acquired by Don Underwood in 1955 when he purchased it from Lee and Dick Schilling as a small, family-run grocery where one could buy food, hardware, clothing, feed, and other items since its founding at the turn of the twentieth century; and

Whereas, Don Underwood began in the grocery business after graduating from high school, working first at Carl's Market in Anderson in 1947 and then leasing a meat market at the current store's location several years later in 1954; and

Whereas, assisted by his wife, Doris, until her death in 1983, Don Underwood introduced his second wife, Louise, to the family business, where his children, Kenny, Donna, and Dalana, all gained work experience and where his seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren spent many happy hours; and

Whereas, now seventy-two years of age, Don Underwood closed Don's Market during the first week of the new year by holding a "Grand Closing" celebration, where his son, Kenny, fixed pots of chili and soup to feed the multitude of well-wishers who dropped by to reminisce and shop one last time; and

Whereas, Don Underwood feels blessed by having had the opportunity to come to work every day except Sundays for fifty-five years and to raise a good family in McDonald County, where he still maintains a cattle operation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the splendid entrepreneurial spirit of Don Underwood and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for his many years in the grocery business and our best wishes for continued personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Don Underwood, as an expression of our esteem and respect for his nearly five decades in business.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 80, adopted January 16, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker